

**Subject: Special Open Door Forum on
Section 702 of the Medicare Modernization Act: Homebound Demonstration**

Date: June 25, 2004 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM (EST)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is preparing to implement the Homebound Demonstration in accordance with Section 702 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003.

The legislation specifies that the Secretary shall conduct a 2-year demonstration in 3 states, allowing an enrollment of up to 15,000 Medicare beneficiaries who are currently deemed to be homebound for the purpose of receiving home health services under the Medicare program. Eligible beneficiaries include those with permanent, severe disability; a need for permanent help with 3 of 5 Activities of Daily Living (ADLs); a requirement for permanent skilled nursing care more than medication management; a requirement for daily attendant visits to monitor and treat their medical condition or for assistance with ADLs; a requirement for technological or personal assistance to leave home; and who are not employed outside of the home.

On June 3, 2004, Secretary Thompson announced that the states selected for the demonstration are Massachusetts, Missouri and Colorado. Enrollment in the demonstration is scheduled to begin in October 2004. CMS will initiate outreach to beneficiaries and providers in July.

Open Door Forum

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is convening this Special Open Door Forum on June 25th, in support of the implementation of this demonstration project. During the Homebound Demonstration Open Door Forum, CMS will be asking participants to provide their comments, suggestions and unique perspectives on some important design and evaluation issues. For example:

- What is the best way to design an outreach campaign to inform providers and beneficiaries about the demonstration?
- What is the best way to reach those beneficiaries who would meet the clinical criteria for the demonstration, especially those who have previously been denied home care because they were not considered homebound?
- Are there ways to identify eligible beneficiaries who may be having difficulty obtaining home care?
- What is the best way to evaluate the demonstration in terms of the overall impact on Medicare expenditures?

Participation Instructions:

Date: Friday, June 25th from 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM (EST)

There are 2 ways to participate: by phone or in-person.

Both telephone call-in participants and those who attend in-person will be given an opportunity to speak and/or ask questions.

NOTE: Those interested parties that have prepared written materials to support their input, and who wish to submit a written copy of their information, are requested to submit this information to the same (RSVP) email address as listed below.

Alternatively you may bring a printed copy of such material to be collected in-person at the forum.

1. To participate by phone:

Dial: **1-800-837-1935** & Reference Conference ID: **7941958**

Persons participating by phone do not need to RSVP.

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<http://www.consumer.att.com/relay/which/index.html>.

A Relay Communications Assistant will help.

2. To participate in-person: RSVP is required.

Please send a reply to this email by close of business Wednesday, **June 23rd**. Please include the word “**Registration**” in the subject line of your message, and send us the following information:

- a) Your full name
- b) Your organization or representation
- c) Your contact information (phone and email)

Location information:

Please arrive no later than 1:30 PM (EST).

Photo identification is required at security points.

ADDRESS:

Hubert H. Humphrey Building

Room 705A

200 Independence Ave., SW

Washington, D.C. 20201

Map & Directions: <http://www.hhs.gov/about/hhhmap.html>

(Close to the Federal Center SW metro station)

ENCORE: 1-800-642-1687

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